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TAX RATE 3.10.

AN INCREASE OF TWENTY POINTS OVER LAST YEAR.

Large Increase in the County Tax.—An insignificant increase in taxable valuations shows this year's State Board of Taxation largely responsible for numerous decreases in assessments.

The local Board of Assessors have officially announced the tax rate for the current year at \$3.10 per \$100 of taxable valuations. This is an increase of twenty points over last year. Ten points of this increase is due to an increase of ten points in the county tax rate, eight points to an increase in the public school appropriation, and six points to increased bond and interest account. There is a decrease of four points in the taxes for town purposes outside of schools.

The items in the tax bill of the current year and that of the previous year are here given:

	1903	1902	Change
State and County	70	50	20 inc.
Lighting	22	20	2 inc.
Police	12	12	0
Fire	10	10	0
Road Repairs	22	10	12 inc.
Water	10	10	0
Principal and interest	44	38	6 inc.
School, sewer and road	28	42	14 dec.
Incidental	30	32	2 dec.
Public schools	3.10	2.90	0.20 inc.

The County Board of Assessors met on Monday in Newark. Philip Lowry of Newark presided and Seymour P. Gilbert of this town was chosen Secretary. The county tax rate was fixed at .6977. Last year's rate was .5938. The net assessed valuation in the county was \$237,172,475, an increase in taxable values of \$6,975,207. Of this increase \$4,287,441 is in Newark, the balance of \$2,687,776 being contributed by the other municipalities of the county. The increase in Newark was more than \$1,000,000 less than that of 1902 over 1901, while the county outside of Newark shows an increase of \$629,818 in excess of last year's gain of \$2,057,948. The valuations returned by the local Board of Assessors were as follows:

	1903	1902	Inc.
Real	\$1,264,300	\$1,252,450	\$11,850
Personal	772,800	763,000	9,800
Exemptions	74,900	68,700	6,200
Net valuations	5,062,100	5,046,750	15,350

In their field work for this year the Board of Assessors gave consideration to the reduction made by the State Board of Taxation in assessments carried from the local Board of Appeal to the State Board. The judgment of the State Board as expressed in the reductions made by that body governed the assessments this year and a decrease of upwards of \$30,000 was made in the valuations levied on farm land in Brookdale. In Harrison Street, where the State Board of Taxation reduced valuations below the amount fixed by the local Board of Assessors, some reduction was made this year by the local Board.

Aside from the exemptions allowed to veterans and firemen there is real property to the amount of \$558,500 exempt from taxation and is divided as follows: Public schools, \$112,150; other school property, \$23,350; public property, \$154,425; churches and charitable institutions, \$257,575; cemeteries, \$11,000. Last year the property exempt from taxation was valued at \$493,750, showing an increase this year in that class of property of \$64,750, or about four times the amount of increase shown in taxable property.

The returns made to the County Board by the Glen Ridge Borough Assessors were as follows: Real, \$1,685,000; personal, \$230,500; exemptions, \$23,500; net valuations, \$1,892,000. The borough has property exempt from taxation amounting to \$210,000 divided as follows: School, \$93,000; public property, \$22,000; churches, \$92,000; cemeteries, \$3,000.

Abused an Officer.

Officer Bium was on duty at Wateasing Centre Saturday night and attempted to quell some disorderly conduct there on the part of some men who were intoxicated. One of them, an East Orange man, used abusive language towards the policeman when the latter was about to arrest the offender. The man ran away and got over the town line. He was taken into custody Wednesday by Officer George Maxwell and will be given a hearing to-day.

Northfield General Conference.

The twenty-first annual General Conference of Christian Workers convened at Northfield Friday, July 31, and continues in session until August 16. The program of the conference is similar to that of last year, four meetings being held each day with unusually attractive features for Sunday. Mr. W. B. Moody, son of the evangelist, D. L. Moody, will preside.

The latest and most artistic specimens of glassware of all kinds for wedding gifts may be seen at the Dorchester Glass Store, 5 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, and 36 Murray Street, New York. Advt.

Union Services at Westminster.

The Rev. George A. Paul will conduct the services both morning and evening. The choir will sing at the morning service Gounod's "Sanctus" (with tenor solo) from the "Messa Solenne," and "I will extol Thee, O Lord," soprano solo, from Sir Michael Costa's Oratorio "Eli." In the evening at 7.45 there will be a service of praise with an appropriate address by the pastor. The choir selections are all from the compositions of Harry Rowe Shelley: Prelude, Festival Service; Anthem, "There is a land of pure delight," Alto solo, "He that sat upon the Throne," (from Inheritance Divine); Anthem, "For thee, O dear, dear country," Bass solo, "I Jesus have sent mine angel," (from Inheritance Divine); Offertory Organ solo, Spring Song; Anthem, "For all the saints," Tenor solo, "Abide with me," Postlude, Festival service.

End of a Lark.

Henry Bradley of Dodd street, East Orange, was awakened about half past 3 o'clock Monday morning by the noise made by a party of young men who were quarrelling out in the street. He got up and looked out of the window and saw a two-seated carriage stopped in front of his house. Three young men in the roadway were engaged in a heated argument, while a fourth one was in the carriage apparently dead to the world. When Mr. Bradley requested the men who were making the noise to "cut it out" they instantly disappeared, but the man in the carriage slept on. Mr. Bradley went out to the vehicle and found that the man was the driver of the rig and was in a drunken stupor. A policeman was summoned to get in the carriage and drove to an East Orange livery stable, where the rig belonged.

Two Women Missing.

Mrs. Minnie Debaun, aged thirty-one years, and Mrs. Cecelia Adams, aged twenty years, have been reported to the police department as missing. Mrs. Debaun is the wife of William Debaun, a carpenter residing in Walnut street, and Mrs. Adams is her cousin. The former is the mother of four children and the latter of two children. The women, it is said, left their homes Monday to go to Newark and have not been heard of since.

Violated Game Laws.

James F. Riley, seventeen years old of Silver Lake, who was arrested over a week ago for alleged violation of the game laws, failed to pay the fine of \$20 imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Jacob G. Post, and he will be committed to jail for fourteen days. Riley is a nephew of George Riley, one of the game wardens of Newark.

The young man caught a black bass in Oake's Pond, which, it was testified, was under the required length, and failed to throw the fish back.

Runaway Boys.

Edward Porkowski aged 15 years, Thomas Slavin aged 15, and Thomas Gaffney aged 14, three Staten Island boys, were found about half-past three o'clock Friday morning by Officers Durning and Maxwell loitering about the freight cars on the Glenwood avenue siding, and taken to the police station and kept there until their parents were heard from. The boys had run away from home.

Lively Contest Promised.

There is likely to be a lively fight in the First Ward of East Orange for the Republican nomination for member of the Town Council. It has been announced that Joseph Greer was slated for the nomination, and that Hamilton Vanderhoof, the present incumbent, would retire from official life at the expiration of his term. It appears that Mr. Vanderhoof has no intention of voluntary retirement, and he desires and expects a re-nomination in the fall.

Fell on a Knitting-Needle.

John, the two-year-old child of William Stewart of 975 Bloomfield avenue, Glen Ridge, was painfully injured Monday at his parents' home. The little one was playing about the bedroom, when he stumbled and fell, running a knitting-needle into his face just over the right eye. Dr. Martin J. Synott of Montclair was called and had the boy removed to the Mountsinclair Hospital, where the injury was attended to, after which he was taken home.

Hospital Subscribers.

Subscribers to the Mountsinclair Hospital in July were as follows: Miss E. Alling, Mrs. M. Alling, Dr. Charles H. Bailey, Mrs. Charles H. Bailey, Hecker Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lee Stout, Mrs. Wright C. Stout, Dr. William H. White, Mrs. William H. White.

Homeward Bound.

Bernard Levy, who has been two years in California, is on his way back here by the old style overland method of crossing the continent. Mr. Levy is one of a party who have undertaken to drive from California to New York.

BASE-BALL.

Watessing Defeated the Clark O. N. T. Team in a Close and Exciting Game Saturday—A Ten Inning Game in Branch Brook Park—Millburn Team will Play This Afternoon on the Arlington Avenue Grounds.

Shepell, the young pitcher for the O. N. T. Club of Newark, kept the rooters for the Watessing Club in a state of great anxiety for a long time in the game on the Arlington Avenue grounds Saturday afternoon, and it was not until the sixth inning, when a long safe hit by Hambacher brought in three runs, that the Watessing crowd began to entertain hopes of victory, and as Connors, Bradley and Ferguson crossed the home plate in rapid succession the rooters let themselves loose, and there was great excitement for a time.

The O. N. T.'s batted Durning freely, making six safe hits in the first two innings and also scored six runs. The Watessing also scored one run in the first inning, and did not score again until the sixth inning, when by a succession of safe hits they tied the score. The Newark team again took a lead of four runs in the seventh, and the Watessing again batted heavily in the eighth inning and scored five more runs.

The Newark players disputed a decision of Umpire Hayhurst in the eighth inning, and Pitcher Shepell for a time refused to go on with the game, but the manager of the club ordered his players to go on with the game in justice to the people present.

Bradley, the new player on the Watessing team, proved a valuable acquisition Saturday and did well at the bat and in the field. The score was as follows:

WATESSING		CLARK O. N. T.	
R	H. P. O. A. E.	R	H. P. O. A. E.
F. Ferguson, 4b.....	2 1 3 0 0	Fitzpatrick, 1b.....	1 0 2 0 0
Hambacher, 3b.....	2 3 2 2 2	Shepell, p.....	1 0 2 0 0
A. Bailey, lb.....	0 0 4 0 0	Egler, 1b.....	2 1 0 0 0
Durning, p.....	1 2 1 0 0	Seamman, 3b.....	0 0 4 0 0
Egler, 2b.....	0 0 2 0 0	Archibler, 2b.....	0 0 2 0 0
Call, c.....	1 0 0 0 0	Egan, 2b.....	1 3 2 1 0
Murphy, c.....	1 0 0 0 0	Mitchell, 1b.....	1 10 8 1
Connors, r.....	1 0 1 0 0	Leary, c.....	0 0 2 0 0
Bradley, l.....	3 1 0 0 0	Schure, c.....	1 3 0 0 0
Totals.....	11 27 12 4	Totals.....	10 31 21 14 4

Watessing..... 1 0 0 0 0 5 0 5 0 11
Clark O. N. T..... 2 4 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 10
Earned runs—Watessing 5, Clark's 4. Two-base hits—Watessing 2, Clark's 4. Hambacher, Shepell, Three-base hit—Durning. Stolen bases—Watessing 2, Clark's 4. Passed balls—Clark's 3. Wild pitch—Durning. Bases on balls—Off Durning 2, off Shepell 3. Hit by pitcher—By Shepell 2, struck out—By Durning 4, by Shepell 2. Left on base—Watessing 10, Clark's 5. Double plays—Egler to Durning; Fitzpatrick to Egan. Time—2h. 5m. Umpire—Hayhurst.

In a ten-inning game played at Branch Brook Park Saturday afternoon the Watessing A. C. fell before the strong Park A. C., being defeated 6 to 5. It was one of the best played games of the season, and it took ten innings to decide the game. The umpire, Mr. Wildt, was so fair in his decisions that he heard no complaints from either side. The score:

PARK A. C.		WATESSING A. C.	
R	H. P. O. A. E.	R	H. P. O. A. E.
O'Neil, s.....	0 0 2 4 0	Lynch, s.....	1 2 0 0 0
Gillum, 1b.....	0 2 6 0 0	Mushburger, p.....	1 2 2 0 0
Whiteman, 3b.....	0 0 1 0 0	Carroll, 3b.....	1 1 0 0 0
A. Lunn, c.....	0 0 1 0 0	Travis, c.....	1 6 1 0 0
Whalen, r.....	0 0 1 0 0	McCarthy, l.....	0 0 0 0 1
Dunn, l.....	0 0 0 0 0	Mitchell, 1b.....	1 3 0 0 0
Enderby, 2b.....	0 1 2 0 0	Enderby, 2b.....	0 1 2 0 0
McKoon, c.....	1 2 0 0 0	McKoon, c.....	1 2 0 0 0
Schofield, r.....	0 0 0 0 0	Schofield, r.....	0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	5 29 10 5	Totals.....	6 30 16 4

Score by Innings.
Park A. C..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 5
Watessing..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5
Earned runs—Park 1, Watessing 1. Two-base hits—Lynch, Carroll, Dunn, Travis, Enderby, 2, off Mushburger 2. Hit by pitcher—Carroll 2. Sacrifice hits—Travis, O'Neil. Struck out—By Hagie 4, by Mushburger 6. Left on base—Park 3, Watessing 6. Umpire—Mr. Wildt. Time—2h.

The Watessing will play the Millburn Base-ball Club on the Arlington Avenue grounds this afternoon.

Death of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Clara Augusta Larabee Johnson, widow of Charles F. Johnson, died suddenly at her home 175 Belleville avenue, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Johnson went to New York Tuesday with her son and daughter, and in getting off an Erie train at the Walnut street station was stricken with paralysis and died a few hours after, without recovering consciousness. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and is survived by three daughters and one son. Her husband died a few months ago.

Home Wanted for a Baby.

The Children's Home Society has just received a bright little baby boy two weeks old, for whom it desires a Christian home. Address Rev. M. T. Lamb, Superintendent Children's Home Society, Trenton, N. J.

TRANSFERS TO-DAY.

Between the North Jersey and Passaic Valley Railway Systems—Bloomfield Centre Designated as One of the Points of Transfer—Conditions of the Transfer.

Changes in the transfer system of the Public Service Corporation, taking in some intersecting points not now affected, were announced Wednesday. The changes go into effect to-day. Many of the points affected are in Hudson and Union Counties. Those in Essex are as follows:

At Main and Day Streets, Orange, from Orange and Passaic Valley Railway (either direction) to West Orange line (either direction). From West Orange line (either direction) to Orange and Passaic Valley Railroad (either direction).

At Bloomfield Avenue and Bloomfield Centre, Bloomfield, from Orange and Passaic Valley Railway (either direction) to Bloomfield Avenue cars (either direction). From Bloomfield Avenue line (either direction) to Orange and Passaic Valley Railway (either direction).

The management reminds its patrons that transfers will be good only when offered by the person to whom issued, and that "they are intended to afford a continuous passage by connecting lines at junction points, and are not good for stop over."

In emphasizing these points, the management in a statement to the public says:

"The abuse growing out of the use of transfers by the street railway company has become so great that the managers will hereafter enforce the rules intended to limit the time within which transfers will be accepted by their conductors. Of course the primary object of a transfer is to enable the passenger to make a continuous trip by connecting lines at junction points, and the time limit to be punched should be only sufficient to enable the traveller to make the connecting car without delay."

"A transfer was never intended as a stop-over privilege, nor to make round trips for one fare, for such a use results in much loss to the company and is contrary to the spirit of the transfer privilege. The public must understand also that transfers are not good in the hands of any passenger to whom they were not issued. In other words, transfers must not be given away. If tendered by persons other than those receiving them originally, conductors are directed to decline to accept them in payment of fare."

"The officers of the trolley company feel that the great distances which may be traversed on a five-cent fare through the transfer system makes transportation so cheap that it is unfair for them to take advantage of the company by using transfers in other than a legitimate manner, and the co-operation of fair-minded and honest citizens is confidently relied upon to confine the use of transfers to the purpose for which they were originally intended."

"Passengers are requested to take note of the time punched by the conductor when the transfer is received, in order that unpleasant disputes may be avoided."

Linden Avenue.

Another chapter in the prolonged Linden Avenue case was recorded Saturday afternoon, when a group of town officials and property-owners assembled on the sidewalk of that street and discussed the knotty problems that have arisen in connection with the levying of assessments for improvements made along the street. Among those present were Chairman George Peterson of the Town Council, Councilmen Conlan and Walker, Town Engineer A. H. Olmsted, and Assessors Gilbert, Dodd and Rawson. Councilman Harrison arrived later on.

The discussion was along the old familiar lines and promised to be interminable until Chairman Peterson brought it to a close by insisting that some action be taken that would result in determining just who was right and who was wrong in the contentions that had arisen in connection with the assessments.

In response to the Chairman's proposition Charles W. Powers, Charles Harrington and A. B. Hunt were named as a committee on the part of the property-owners to go over the measurements with Engineer Olmsted.

Insurance Paid.

President William L. Johnson of Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, through Thomas B. Baxter, agent, has satisfactorily settled its loss by fire on its furniture and bell tower with the Westchester and Caledonian Fire Insurance Companies.

May Cause a Riot.

The high tax rate together with the weak showing made by the town in increased valuations will probably cause either the delay or abandonment of some projected bonding schemes.

New Route Proposed.

At the East Orange City Council meeting Monday night a project for a trolley line north from Main Street to the Bloomfield boundary line was made public. The projected line covers about the same territory as that through which the Essex Cross Railway Company sought a franchise. The new plan embodies the construction of a broad roadway in East Orange which will include Ashland Avenue and extend northerly from the place where that thoroughfare now curves to the east, through a stretch of land at present in a practically undeveloped state, and extending to the Bloomfield line. This improvement is projected by those who favor a cross-town trolley, but who are opposed to the scheme which was broached some time ago to put a trolley road through North Clinton Street.

Previous to the meeting of the City Council an interesting discussion took place between George B. Darley, who represents the Essex Cross Railway, which was the applicant for a franchise for a cross-town railroad, and members of the Railroad Committee.

During the talk the question of the new roadway was brought up. Mr. Darley was most emphatic in his declaration that the scheme mentioned was pure "bluff" on the part of the opponents of the plan to build a new road, but he was sharply called to a turn by Mr. Belgrie, who informed him that residents of the city north of Main Street no doubt wanted the road built as much as Mr. Darley did.

The objections to the use of North Clinton Street were that that street is too narrow, and that as two schools are located thereon, the danger to children is too great to be tolerated.

Those who are working for the roadway through Ashland Avenue have been quietly at work, and it is reasonable to believe that in the near future a new roadway will be laid out. Mr. Darley has not much faith in the plan to put the new street through. "You won't see it," was his parting shot to the officials, "nor your children either."

A Successful Bluff.

In the vicinity of Second River bridge at the junction of Glenwood Avenue and Prospect Street is a spooky place at night time, and thrilling stories of lawless deeds committed there are numerous. Two Watessing youths are confident that a hold-up was contemplated near the bridge about midnight on Friday night and was only thwarted by the bluff talk of the two youths, which caused the villainous brigand to sneak back to his lair.

Willard Quinby and John Waschal were the two young heroes of the romance. They had been calling on friends in Glenwood Avenue, and it was nearly midnight when they said goodbye and started homeward. They kept in the middle of the road in passing Glenwood Park and crossed the bridge, and were about to turn into Locust Avenue when they heard a rustling in the underbrush that covers the ground between Locust Avenue and Second River. The young men stood still for a moment, hesitating which way to run. Presently a pair of fiery gleaming eyes were discernible in the underbrush and the form of a man could be distinguished in a crouching position. The frightened youths decided to work a bluff. "Have you got your pistol with you?" said Quinby to Waschal in a loud tone. "Yes, I have, and it's loaded too," shouted the latter. "I am glad I brought mine with me," returned Quinby. The gleaming, fiery eyes suddenly disappeared from the bushes and the rustle of the leaves grew fainter and fainter, evidencing a retreat on the part of some one, and the young men took advantage of the success of their bluff to make record time up Locust Avenue to Willow Street.

New Pastor Called.

The congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Monday evening extended a call to the Rev. Herman Steinelinger to succeed the Rev. Charles Ziegler, who resigned the pastorate several months ago. There is no doubt but that Mr. Steinelinger will accept the call. He preached in the church Sunday and made a fine impression. He is a graduate of Kropp Institute, Germany, and this will be his first regular charge. Mr. Steinelinger is 30 years of age and married. He has no children. It is probable that he will be installed in about two weeks. Mr. Steinelinger's father is a clergyman, and has been pastor of a church at Loeschnitz, Saxony, Germany, for the past forty years.

A Runaway.

A horse driven by Charles Waters ran away in Newark avenue Thursday morning. At Berkeley avenue the wheel of the carriage collided with a big stone and the vehicle was upset and Waters thrown out. He escaped with a few bruises. The horse ran to Harrison street where it was captured by Joseph O'Connor, driver of a vegetable wagon.

PASTOR COOK RESIGNS.

HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION READ TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING.

David G. Garabrant Supplemented the Letter with a Statement—A Committee Appointed to Act on the Resignation—Many Expressions of Sorrow and Regret on the Part of the People.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook, for fifteen years pastor of the First Baptist Church in this town, formally tendered his resignation of that charge at the morning service in the church on Sunday morning last. As has been previously announced, the Rev. Mr. Cook has been appointed by the National Committee on Christian Stewardship of the Baptist denomination to the superintendency of that work. There was a large attendance at the service on Sunday morning in anticipation of some action with regard to the pastor's new appointment. The Rev. Charles F. Stanley of Newark preached the sermon, and at the close of his discourse he read the following letter from the pastor to the congregation:

"DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: During the first week of March, 1888, I received a kind and hearty invitation to become your pastor. Believing that God was leading me in so important a step, I accepted the invitation and entered upon the pastorate in the following month. During these fifteen years and more of precious fellowship with you in the service of our common Lord, I have had abundant reason to praise God for the gracious providential leading that then brought us together. It is not necessary now to review the history of these years. God has been with us and has led and blessed and prospered us far beyond our fondest hopes."

"To-day, under as clear a conviction that I am following the leadings of God's hand as when I came among you, and, after much earnest thought and prayer, I present my resignation to accept an appointment as superintendent for the General Committee on Christian Stewardship authorized by the Baptist Anniversaries at St. Paul in May, 1902. This appointment opens for me a vast field of opportunity for service for Christ in the interests of His kingdom, in the propagation of truths and principles in which I have long been deeply interested, and which, as you can testify, I regard as vital to the highest welfare of the Christian church."

"The work will call for all the strength, physical, mental and spiritual, which it may be possible for me to devote to it. But, believing that this is the pathway of duty into which my Lord and Master wants me to go, I have accepted the call of my brethren to the work."

"In severing my relations with you as your pastor, no words can fully express my deep affection for you all, nor my sincere appreciation of all the kindness and love you have manifested toward me and mine during our association in the Lord's work. No pastor has ever been more happily situated, no pastor could ever have a more loyal and united people to work among than you have been."

"I desire my resignation to take effect on the 30th of September next, and ask that I may have your earnest and constant prayers that divine wisdom may be given me for the new work to which I have been called, as I assure you my prayer shall constantly ascend to God for His richest benedictions to rest upon you in all the days to come."

"Your loving pastor, CHAS. A. COOK."

BLOOMFIELD, July 26, 1903.

David G. Garabrant, Treasurer of the church, and also a member of the General Committee on Christian Stewardship, addressed the congregation in reference to the letter that had been read. Mr. Garabrant remarked that while the pastor's action might be considered suddenly taken by many people, yet some of his friends knew that such a step had been under consideration for nearly a year. When it was proposed to organize the department that Mr. Cook has been made superintendent of, it was recognized by the majority of the ministers in the Baptist denomination that Mr. Cook was the right man to have charge of the work. Mr. Garabrant alluded to the sorrow and regret that would be felt by the people among whom Mr. Cook has lived and labored for the past fifteen years at the loss of his services as a pastor. The members of the congregation, by whom Mr. Cook is very much beloved, were greatly affected and the singing of the usual closing hymn was omitted as no one felt in a singing mood.

The resignation was referred to a committee consisting of the deacons and trustees, which includes Frank B. Stone, Frank C. Foster, Joseph B. Marshall, Walter L. Tower, Edward T. Van Vleet, Thomas Oakes, Joseph B. Marshall, David G. Garabrant, William Baldwin, John Raabach, Harry L. Osborne and Charles B. Teal.

